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Contracts for Cut-off Finish

Lubbock, Tex., May 30.—Completion of the last stretch, 96 miles, of the Texico-Coleman cut-off, is in sight.

Your correspondent has just been advised that contract for completion of the last 96 miles of the long talked of Texico-Coleman cut-off has been awarded to Walter H. Denison, of Cushman, Ark. Mr. Denison is a railroad builder of no small concern, having built many miles of railroad in the western country and the great Santa Fe system can congratulate itself upon securing this gentleman to do this work, which assures it to be done with dispatch. Mr. Denison is no stranger to the Santa Fe System. He built all the heavy grade between Lubbock and Sweetwater, over the cap-rock for this company, some two years ago.

In the completion of this 96 miles of line the Santa Fe system will have the most direct line of railroad from the Gulf of Mexico to California, which certainly means something wonderful to their system, it being the only direct or most direct line between these two important points.

It also settles the question in minds of some as to the location of the balance of this line, some speculation has been on foot as to Lubbock being able to secure it.

With the work beginning on the cut-off, the extension of the Crosbyton South Plains railway, eastward to a connection with the Gulf, Texas & Western; and the laying of steel on the Altus, Lubbock, Roswell & El Paso line within the next sixty days, Lubbock will be a city of great activity and this connected with many substantial improvements going on in and around Lubbock will cause her population to double within the next twelve months.—Amarillo News.

Letter From Fergusson

Washington, D.C. May 31, 1912.
Mr. Charles E. Dennis,
Clovis, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:
I am more than pleased. I even feel triumphant, to inform you that the new homestead law has been agreed on by the House and Senate conferees, and I doubt not it will become a law speedily.

The main points are as follows:
Three years residence instead of 5, 5 months absence allowed

the homesteader in each year; no cultivation required the first year; one-sixteenth of the homestead whether 160 or 320 acres, required the second year, and one-eighth of the acreage to be cultivated the third year.

Those now living on homesteads have the option to prove up under the new or the old law, as they prefer. We defeated the Secretary of the Interior as to reservations of timber, mineral, etc., and no reservations whatever will be required under the new law. The homesteader as before gets a fee simple title to his land with his patent.

Please give this law all publicity possible.

I shall send copies of the law to all newspapers as soon as it is passed and printed.

Very truly yours
H. B. Fergusson.

Milliren & Buchanan

Sell Out

H. H. Tracy, E. W. Baker and F. W. Scott of Tulsa, Texas, have bought out the hardware firm of Milliren & Buchanan and will style the new firm, Scott-Tracy Hardware Co. Messrs. Buchanan and Milliren have been in Clovis since its infancy and were one of the prime factors and leading citizens in its upbuilding and we regret to see these gentlemen dispose of their holdings. We sincerely hope that they will find it to their interest to remain in Clovis and continue in some business.

We are glad to welcome Messrs. Tracy, Baker and Scott to Clovis. This institution will be a branch of their store in Tulsa. It is with pleasure Clovis greets such enterprising men and we give them a hearty welcome.

Mr. E. W. Baker will take charge of the business at this place and bring his family to Clovis shortly. Success to you, gentlemen.

**10 Yards
Hope Domestic
for 72 Cents
E.E. Peoples Co.**

W. F. Edgar returned Saturday from a business trip to Roswell.

Cash Prizes for Dead Flies

Clovis, N. M., June 3.—At a meeting of executive committee of the chamber of commerce of this city a campaign was inaugurated against the house fly, and war has been declared. The chamber of commerce is offering one hundred in cash prizes, as follows: Any person under eighteen years of age may enter the contest, which is to be on from June 10 to June 22, and the person delivering to the chamber of commerce the most dead flies during the period is to receive a cash prize of \$17.50. Second prize, \$12.50; third prize, \$8.00; fourth prize, \$6.00; fifth prize \$4.00; sixth prize, five each \$3.00; seventh prize, six each \$2.00; eighth prize twenty-five each, \$1.00—a total of \$100.00 in forty-one prizes. In this matter the chamber of commerce is working in harmony with the city council, and it is expected that the educational value of the campaign will be realized in preparing the public for a more strict ordinance on sanitary conditions. The medical fraternity of the city are taking great interest in the campaign, and it is expected that the whole citizenship of the city will be aroused before the close of the campaign. For the next thirty days at least the slogan of the chamber of commerce of Clovis will be "Swat the fly." By the close of this campaign we expect to be able to say to the world, "There are no flies in Clovis." On with the battle.

"SWAT THE FLY"

The first city in the world to wage an organized warfare on the housefly was San Antonio, Texas, and the period of this warfare was from June 14th to July 3rd of last year. The result was the slaughter of 1,250,000 flies, making a pyramid three feet high and five feet long and according to Government figures' destroying destructive germs to the number of more than one trillion.

The San Antonio Daily Express put on the contest which brought about those marvelous results. After the campaign was well under way the Express was assisted by the Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Improvement Society and other organizations, and nearly 2,000 children engaged in the contest.

The winner of the first prize was an eleven year old boy who brought to the office of the Express, a forty pound sugar sack

full of dead flies numbering nearly half a million.

You ask what was the result? Well the one fast result we wish to call attention to was the fact that, according to the Board of Health of the city of San Antonio, that city was freer from all kinds of disease during last summer than any summer of its long history. A second result was the fact that the educational value of the campaign resulted in more precautionary methods of sanitation, and prepared the public for a stricter enforcement of sanitary regulations.

WAR DECLARED

Since the Clovis Chamber has declared war against the pesky housefly, I think every citizen of our city should join the revolution, as hundreds of lives are lost annually by the poisonous dose of various diseases administered to our people by the common house fly. More especially is the dreaded typhoid germ spread or conveyed by the house fly as it has the capacity of carrying fifteen hundred germs on each leg at one time. Thus you see that one house fly from an infected place or district, has ample opportunity of inoculating whole families or neighborhoods. He may pass over the table, drop this dreaded germ in our soup, light on our bread or butter, sip out of the glass with us, etc. Thus the people become inoculated by having to contend with the filthy house fly in the dining room as well as other places.

I was in the city of San Antonio, Texas last year during the war on flies in a like manner proposed by our Chamber of Commerce, and the result in that city shows that the typhoid statistics were lower than ever before in history.

Everyone should join this great movement for cleanliness and better health in our little city.

(Signed) P. Worley M.D., Ph.G.
HOW IT WORKED IN WORCESTER

Dr. Clifton F. Hodge of Clark University put on this contest. He gave cash prizes to the amount of \$650.00 and cleaned the whole city of the fly pest. The contest lasted 20 days. The winner of the first prize used the following method of trapping the flies: He secured five old abandoned screens and formed them into a box, cutting a hole in the top screen large enough to place a fly trap over it. He placed the corners of his screen box on small blocks raising it a few inches above the ground. He then placed his bait (using old fish heads for that purpose) on planks below the screen box. When this bait was covered with flies he would use a brush to scare the flies and they always flew upward into the trap. When he had enough in the main box to fill his trap on top, he would wrap a dark cloth around the screen box, and the flies would make their way toward the light, which brought them into the small trap at the top. This he continued with deadly effect until in the end of the contest he had a collection of 1,219,000 flies. Another boy was a close second with a collection of 1,151,000, while the third prize brought in nearly a million.

THE WASHINGTON, D. C. CONTEST
The "Star," a live paper of Washington, took the lead in the contest there, putting up the money for the prizes and doing the advertising. They profited by the experience of the two

former cities whose contests inspired theirs, and they gave some rules for the boys and girls to work by which was very valuable. Among those rules are the following: Molasses is not the best 'bait' for the fly, but bread soaked in sweet milk is far better. Flies will more quickly congregate in a shady place near the sunshine than in the sun. Sulphur is the best method of killing the fly after you get him in the trap. A small pinch of sulphur under a trap is sufficient to kill a whole trap full. In this Washington campaign more than 7,000,000 flies were killed and the best health the city has ever known has been one of the first results.

The Priscilla Embroidery Club with Mrs. Kennedy

The Priscilla Embroidery Club met Saturday with Mrs. W. M. Kennedy at her home on North Main Street, where the members and guests were delightfully entertained by the hostess. Roll call was answered by a finished piece, by Mrs. Day, pillow cases, also by Mrs. Dalton Reed, and Mrs. Kennedy answered roll call by a pretty embroidered towel. Nothing was left undone to make the time pass pleasantly and after an enjoyable afternoon a one course luncheon was served. Three guests were present besides the eight regular members, and were Mrs. Coores, Miss Goodman and Mrs. Ideo.

The Woodman Circle Entertain

The members of the Woodman's Circle and their friends were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Curley on North Connelly Street. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing and in various card games. Judging from the revelry and mirth, the ladies on the entertainment committee had things going the way they had planned to have them go. There was also games and amusements for the little folks, the kind the younger set enjoy.

Mrs. Curley made all feel welcome that came within her touch.

Miss Beatrice

Lidkey Hostess

Miss Beatrice Lidkey, one of the most charming young ladies of Clovis, entertained a number of young people at her home, Friday. Despite the warm weather the games were delightfully lively and of various kinds. Delicious ice cream and two kinds of dainty cakes were served. The young folks vied with each other in declaring Miss Lidkey to be an ideal hostess.

Farwell Party For Ruth Hemphill

The Misses Helen, Ellen Barrett, Maurine Reagan and Elma Forbes were the charming hostesses for a farwell party given to Miss Ruth Hemphill who expects to leave in a few days for Kentucky to spend the summer. The party was given at the pretty home of Miss Maurine Reagan. The affair was a lawn party which the skillful hostess had so delightfully planned. The evening was spent in playing games on the lawn; later the crowd adjourned to the house where they were entertained by music and singing from the different friends; and also parlor games were indulged in.

The refreshments were served under four different trees. The

first tree sandwiches, the second tree pickles, the third tree cake, and the fourth tree lemonade.

Those present to enjoy the evening were: Misses Fannie Howell, Halie D. Fitzhugh, Maudie Summan, Geneva Liddington, Maud Evans, Edna Clark, Elma Forbes, Helen Coop, Maurine Reagan, Amy Ruth Rowells, Ellen Barrett, and Ruth Hemphill. Messrs. Carl Love, Viotti Croft, Forrest Long, Henry Barrett, Leo Evans, Temple Odom, Otto Forbes, and Eryl Johnson.

The trees were gayly lighted with jack-o-lanterns which gave the place the appearance of attractiveness which it well deserved.

The young ladies won for them selves the reputation of being ideal entertainers.

J. U. G. Club With Miss Mildred Morgan

Miss Mildred Morgan was hostess Saturday night for the J. U. G. Club and very charmingly entertained the club at her pretty home. The affair was a business meeting; three new members being initiated into the club: Misses Alice Pierce, Neva Odom, and Nannon Noble. After the business was attended to the young ladies turned their attention to parlor games. At the conclusion of the games ice cream and cake were served.

Those present were: Mildred Lauer, Mildred Morgan, Bessie Woods, Nannon Noble, Alice Pierce, and Neva Odom. The club meets next time with Mildred Lauer in a Slumber Party Friday night.

Mrs. C. E. Marsh Entertains The E. C. and C. E. Club.

Mrs. C. E. Marsh very charmingly entertained the R. C. and C. E. Club Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at her home at 106 North Sheldon St. Despite the warm weather interest never lacked and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all from start to finish. At the close of the evening Mrs. Marsh served delicious strawberries, cream, and cake. The club meets next time with Mrs. Parker.

Woodmen Circle Jubilee

The ladies of the Woodmen Circle entertained the members and their friends at Society Hall in a genuine good time, Wednesday night. Nothing was left undone to make the evening most pleasant. Every one present said they had a good time and they did. The most appetizing refreshments were served, which was a treat to all. The ladies of the Circle deserve credit in the way they entertain and push the work of the lodge.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 5.—A special to the Tribune from Washington today says President Taft assured Senator Warren this morning that he would sign the three-year homestead bill without any delay. It was reported that the president contemplated vetoing the bill.

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Shallow Water Lands

In Black Water Draw of Bailey County, Texas, on the Santa Fe Cut-Off from San Francisco to Galveston. Hurley, Texas, is located in this tract.

65,000 acres irrigated and subject to irrigation. Water from 10 to 35 feet. Have been selling lands situated in this tract for the last three and one half years, therefore we are in a position to know where the bargains are and can give you the benefit of same. Have eight irrigation wells in operation at present time and more going in as fast as possible. Wells furnishing, according to pumps, from 380 to 1850 gallons per minute.

Construction work of the Santa Fe cut-off will start in the near future. Come while you can get bargains in these lands, as the prices of same are advancing.

Having a fine list of the above lands at present time, and some fine bargains. We ask that you do not delay, if you want to get in on the ground floor. Cooperation desired. Auto service to these lands from Friona, Texas.

Buy your ticket to Friona. If possible, advise day or so before starting, so that we may meet you. Wire, phone or write us.

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